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Mr. Lawrence Edmison
Department of Pollution Control
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Dear Mr. Edmison:

It has come to my attention that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), dated February 17, 1989, was signed by the Department of Pollution Control (ODPC), Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), and other member agencies of the Oklahoma Emergency Response Commission, in which authority was granted to the ODPC to act as the liaison between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Oklahoma in matters under the SARA Title III legislation. Additionally, the 1989 Oklahoma Contingency Plan directs all spill calls and/or complaints to the ODPC.

To improve communication between EPA and the State of Oklahoma, I am recommending that initial contact between EPA and the State concerning responses, investigations, or other activities concerning the Emergency Response branch (ERB) be made to ODPC. After initial contact, it will be the ODPC's responsibility to contact other appropriate State agencies, or inform ERB of which agencies to contact.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact me or Steve Mason of my staff at (214) 655-2270.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Gazda
Chief
Emergency Response Branch

cc: Jack Davidson, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
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